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## **Auto Body Environmental Results Program**

Maine Department of Environmental Protection Office of Innovation and Assistance



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## Reporting

- The following is the fifth quarterly report for the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Auto Body Environmental Results Program (ERP). This report covers the period from January 1, 2006 to March 31, 2006.
- The fifth quarter focus involved finalizing and publishing the workbook and selfcertification checklist.

## **Progress Towards Milestones**

- The Cadmus Group, Inc. is working on additional statistical analysis that will allow the DEP to determine self-certification accuracy.
- The workbook and self-certification checklist were finalized and published. They were then sent out to auto body shops on March 1, 2006. The deadline for returning the self-certification checklist is April 28, 2006.
- Internal Stakeholder Outreach: The Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management, Bureau of Air Quality, and Bureau of Land and Water Quality were involved in the review of the workbook and self-certification checklist.
- External Stakeholder Outreach: Continued to receive support from the Maine Auto Dealers Association.
- The DEP has been providing onsite technical assistance to auto body shops that are requesting assistance with filling out the self-certification checklist.
- The DEP is providing technical assistance via phone and email to auto body shops needing assistance in filling out the self-certification checklist.
- The DEP is reviewing self-certification checklists to assure that all questions were answered, and following up with auto body shops if the DEP has questions.
- During baseline Pollution Prevention surveys the DEP found that the original list of auto body shops contained shops that were out of business or did not do body work. To assure the universe was accurate for data analysis and the post-certification Pollution Prevention surveys, the DEP called the auto body shops that were not visited during the baseline surveys to make sure that those shops were still in business and doing body work. The universe is now 104 auto body shops, down from 159 shops in the original universe.
- Database Development: The DEP is developing a database to house ERP data.
- The DEP continues to participate in ERP conference calls with EPA and other states. The DEP is currently involved with as EMS Credit/ERP workgroup, an

auto body area source workgroup, an Element 13 workgroup, and an ERP automation workgroup.

## **Impediment**

• The review the workbook and self-certification checklist by the Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management, Bureau of Air Quality and Bureau of Land and Water Quality took longer than anticipated. The DEP had anticipated sending out the materials in February, but they were not sent out until March 1, 2006.